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The Department of Labor Standards must approve all local permits to allow retail stores and businesses to perform work and to be open on certain holidays, including Thanksgiving, November 24, 2016, and Christmas Day, December 25, 2016. Permits must be approved by the Department of Labor Standards on a uniform basis statewide. See Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 136, §15.

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Contact the Department of Labor
Standards at (617) 626-6952.

Please be advised that the Department of Labor Standards will not issue statewide approval for permits for businesses to open on Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day 2016. Please be further advised that retail stores and businesses may be open on Monday, December 26th without the need for a permit.

For further information please view our Blue Laws Overview on our website at mass.gov/lwd/labor-standards/dls/mass-blue-laws/overview.html or contact the Department of Labor Standards at (617) 626-6952.